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comfort of guests. Fine sample rooms for com-
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BEECHER AT REST.

The Sufferings of the Eminent Brook-
lyn Minister Ended by
Death.

A Sketch of the Deceased's Career as
Pastor, Author, and
Lecturer.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has been stricken
with apoplexy at his home in Brooklyn on
Saturday, March 5, and lingered until the
following Tuesday, when death relieved
him of his sufferings. During these three
days the great preacher lay in a comatose
condition, surrounded by the members of
his family and physicians. His faithful wife
was by his bedside almost continuously
from the hour he was stricken by the fatal



illness. Dr. Searle made the following
statement in regard to the distinguished di-
vine's last hours:
"Mr. Beecher began to fail decidedly at
3 o'clock Tuesday morning. His respiration
was rapid. At 4 o'clock the family was
summoned. Death came slowly and steadily.
His respirations gradually became
faster and faster until they reached sixty a
minute. His pulse was variable and often
irregular. At 9 o'clock in the morning his
condition except as to breathing, his eyes
closed, and he was entirely unconscious.
The motions of the right arm became less
frequent, and were finally stopped almost
entirely. Death came slowly and steadily.
We could detect the first symptoms of im-
mediate death. His pulse ran up still
higher, flickered, and fluctuated until 9:28
two minutes before his death. His pulse
could not be detected at the wrist, being
so faint that it could hardly be
detected, and then stopped alto-
gether. There was a rattle in his throat,
painful to those around him, but un-
derstandable. At 10 o'clock the family was
summoned. The death of the great man,
together with the failure of the heart's action.
His death was very easy, as painless if not
as pleasant as death from suffocation or by
drowning is said to be."

The Death-bed Scene.
(New York Telegram.)

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher died at
9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, surrounded
by all the members of his family except
those for whom distance or sickness made it
impossible to reach his bedside.
Mr. White and Mrs. A. Seaborn of
Plymouth Church and Miss J. B. Pond
were also present when death's summons
came. The family had been summoned to
the death bed early in the morning by Dr.
Searle, who detected the signs of rapidly
approaching death. Dr. Searle said that
Mr. S. V. White announced to those gathered
before the house that the end was
very near, and even then the sobs of the
sorrowing family could be heard all through
the house. At 9 o'clock Dr. Searle, who
had been holding one of Mr. Beecher's
hands, said: "Mr. Beecher is no more; he
is dead."

It is difficult to describe the scene at this
moment. According to the fact that his
death was looked for, it seemed to come with-
out any startling force that the family were
completely prostrated by grief. They
could not be comforted by any religious re-
alization that the kindly voice of the
husband, father, and grandfather was
forever hushed in death, and that there
had only the remembrance of a
kind and loving presence left. Mr. Beecher
had borne up so bravely from the first, and
who had watched so constantly at the bed-
side of his dying husband, was utterly
broken down, and when supported by her
son Harry, who had been at the bedside
looked as if it would not be long before
she would follow her beloved husband.

The House of Sorrow.
No crane was hung on the door of Mr.
Beecher's late home to announce that the
great orator was no more. Mr. Beecher
had always expressed a dislike of this cus-
tom and of the gloom associated with
death. The house was filled with a
magnificent wreath of white and red roses
and lilacs of the valley tied with white satin
was hung at the left side of the doorway.
Many telegrams of condolence were re-
ceived by the stricken family, among them
the following:

"EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8, '94.
"Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, Grayling, Mich.
"Accept my heartfelt sympathy in this
hour of your bereavement, with the hope
that comfort may be vouchsafed from the
heavenly source."

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Sketch of His Life.

He had a shining name. Henry Ward
Beecher, then boyish-looking and aged 24
years, preached his first sermon, and his
maiden effort was delivered before an ex-
tremely orthodox congregation of Presby-
terians in a little white frame church at
Lawrenceburg, Ind. It is probable that
from the first he gave great promise, for,
after remaining in Lawrenceburg for only
two years, we find him promoted in 1839 to a
much better position in Indianapolis,
becoming convinced that he was wandering
into forbidden paths and inclined to over-
turn well-established dogmas, it be-
came necessary that he should find
another more liberal church.
Brooklyn was taken on trial. He pleased
the congregation so well that he was soon
installed as regular pastor, and from that
day to this he and Plymouth Church have
been so closely identified with each other
that it is impossible almost to think of a
time when he was not the regular occupant
of its pulpit.

Mr. Beecher came from one of the most
remarkable and most talented American
families—the same family which has given
us Charles and Edward Beecher and Mrs.
Harriet Beecher Stowe. He was the fourth
son of the eminent Dr. Lyman Beecher,
and received most of his theological train-
ing at Lane Seminary, near Cincinnati, O.,
under his father's eye. He was born at
Litchfield, Conn., June 21, 1813, and after
attending some public Latin schools en-

LEGAL MATTERS.

Decisions of the Federal Supreme Court
on Several Matters of Great
Interest.

The Rights of Drummers, Chinese,
and Life Insurance Bene-
ficiaries.

The Supreme Court of the United States
has rendered a decision setting aside the
State law of Tennessee which imposed a
special tax on traveling salesmen. The de-
cision rests upon the doctrine that the sta-
tion in question was an interference with
interstate commerce, and hence clearly un-
constitutional. Traveling salesmen are
agents and instrumentalities in commercial
transactions between the States, and a
special tax on them because of their occu-
pation is held to be a restriction on
commerce. Following is an abstract of the
opinion:

Robbins, plaintiff in error, against the
taxing district of Shelby County, Tennessee; in
error to the Supreme Court of Tennessee.
This case arose out of the taxation of the
plaintiff, who was engaged in soliciting
orders for a stationary fire and
water engine, and for the purpose of ob-
taining a license, applicable only to this
kind of engine, he was required to pay a
license fee of \$25 a year. Robbins, who was
unlicensed, was arrested, fined, convicted,
and the tax was levied against him. The
case had been brought to this court on a
writ of error upon the ground that the
law imposing the tax was unconstitutional
under the Constitution of the United States
which regulates commerce among the several
States. The principal question involved is as to
the validity of the tax, and it is in the opinion
of the court that it is unconstitutional.

Where the power of Congress is exclusive
in a particular subject, the States are pre-
cluded from exercising any power which
interferes with the national authority. In a
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Mr. Beecher was a prolific and always an
interesting and instructive writer. He
was the author of the "Lectures on
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The changes which have come over Mr.
Beecher's theological views during the last
few years have been the subject of much
speculation. It is not necessary to particu-
larize them here. It is enough to say that
he has been at times on the very verge of
infidelity and at times in the very core
of orthodoxy. His congregation was not
a particular one respecting ques-
tions of religion. It cared more for the
man than the doctrines which he preached.
It was a sensational congregation, and
it admitted his heresies as long as they
served its demands for something at once
sensational, and interesting. They are few
who can call his doctrines sound, and there
are many who will pronounce his teachings
pernicious, but he was always a teacher,
and he was always a man of the people.

Mr. Beecher visited Europe three times,
and has never traveled extensively abroad. As
a lecturer he was very successful, and he
accumulated a large fortune in this way
alone. He was a man of fine appearance
in early life, but of late years he be-
came rather corpulent and lost considerable
of that sprightliness which his congregation
so much admired.

His Desire Was to Continue Preaching.

(Boston Daily Herald.)

When Henry Ward Beecher stopped
here on his Northward lecture tour three
years ago he said in an interview in an-
swer to the question as to when he in-
tended to leave the pulpit and the lecture
field: "I intend to preach for ten years
more, for I believe that a retirement from
active work would hasten death. I fur-
ther stated that in his opinion if his
father had not retired when he did he would
have lived fifteen years longer. I will be
a hundred before I shall preach for the
last time."

"J. B. POND."

The note was written by Mr. Beecher and
left on Mr. Pond's table.

The present style of ladies' hats is
so tall that it is said they are not for
high.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

The following bills passed the Senate on the
4th inst.: To amend the act for the organiza-
tion and location of insane asylums; to attach
certain territory to the township of Baraga,
Upper Peninsula; to preserve the ballot cast
at the last general election in Detroit until
certain contents are settled; to incorporate the vil-
lage of Port Hope, in Huron County; to provide
for the performance of contracts made by de-
ceased persons in their lifetime to amend the act
relative to the sale of real estate of minors by
guardians; relative to the sale of real estate of
deceased persons; and to require a license con-
marry and registration of the same. A resolu-
tion was passed relative to the death of ex-
Governor Edward Breitung, a former member of
the Senate. The House passed bills to vacate
the township of Dismal, in this county, the
township of Burton, in Chisago County; to in-
corporate the village of Port Hope, in Huron
County; to amend the Detroit City charter, and
some other unimportant bills. Both houses
adjourned to the 7th.

Both houses held very short sessions on the
7th inst., and spent the greater part of the time
in committee of the whole. The Senate passed
a bill incorporating the village of Kalamazoo
into the Board of Supervisors of Antrim
County to establish, maintain, and operate
a common school, and to amend the act in-
corporating the Village of Kalamazoo, in Antrim
County. This bill will take the place of the
Bill for the Village of Kalamazoo, in Antrim
County, which was passed by the House, but
which was considered in committee of the whole.
The House passed a bill to amend the act in-
corporating the Village of Kalamazoo, in Antrim
County, to amend the act in incorporating the
village of Kalamazoo, in Antrim County, and
to amend the act in incorporating the village of
Kalamazoo, in Antrim County.

A bill, permitting all consolidated corpora-
tions organized under laws now repealed to file
articles of association according to the present
laws, and have the same rights as companies
organized under existing laws, passed the
Senate on the 4th inst. Bills were also passed
authorizing the charter of a street car line
between Grand Rapids and certain land in
Arenac County; to incorporate the village of
Kalamazoo, in Antrim County; to amend the act
incorporating the Village of Kalamazoo, in Antrim
County; to extend the corporate limits of the
City of Kalamazoo, in Antrim County; to amend
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The Avalanche.

J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1887.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Selling, Hanson & Co's. Price List

(Go rected Weekly.)

Oats No. 2 white, per bushel, 40 cents.
Hay, No. 1 timothy, per ton, \$14 00
Flax seed, No. 2, per ton, 21 00
Hemp, per ton, 18 00
May flour, roller patent, per barrel, 5 15
May flour, roller mills, per barrel, 4 95
Process, per barrel, \$4 95
Excelsior, flour per barrel, 3 75
Buckwheat flour, per hundred pounds \$3 00
Extra 36s, per hundred, 19 00
Best pork, per barrel, 17 50 new
Refined lard, per pound, 6 cents
Ham, sugar cured, per pound, cents
Breakfast bacon, per pound, 15 cents
Clear pork, sides, per pound, 9 50 cts
S. C. pork, per pound, 8 50 cents
Plate best, per pound, 5 cents
Choice dairy butter, per pound, 22 and 25
Fresh eggs, per dozen, 10 cents
C. & Co's Java, ground, per pound, 35 cents
Mocha, ground, per pound, 33 cents
B. C. & Co's Mexican coffee per lb. 35 cents
B. C. & Co's Aracaba coffee per lb. 32 cts
Wheat, Golden Rod, 35 cents per pound
Wheat, green, per pound, 30 to 35 cents
Sugar, Extra C, per pound, 5 1/2 cents
Sugar, granulated, per pound, 5 1/2 cents
Sugar, cut loaf, per pound, 7 1/2 cents
Sugar, powdered, per pound, 8 cents
Oil, water white, per gallon, 18 cents
Beans, hand picked, per bushel, 1 75
Peas, green, per bushel, 1 75
Syrup, sugar, per gallon, 70 cents
N. O. molasses, per gallon, 60 cents
Molasses, per gallon 30 cents

E. N. Salling returned on last Sunday morning from his trip to Chicago. Garland Stoves from \$25 to \$33.00, at the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

O. Palmer is still visiting with the Legislature, at Lansing.

Prof. Rankin left for his home at Olivet, last Saturday.

O. J. Bell has been quite sick for the last week.

Thorgriner Annbyonron is building himself a house opposite the residence of F. L. Hadley.

Ladies' French Kid Opera Slips, the latest thing out, at McCullough's.

E. Purchase, of Grayling, is an applicant for the position of State Fish and Game Commissioner.

For Men's fine shoes, at low prices, go to McCullough's.

Mrs. J. C. Evans, accompanied by a sister from New York, reached home last Friday.

Salling, Hanson & Co. are selling clothing at 80 cents on the dollar.

Father Shulac will hold religious services next Sunday morning at Joseph Charron's residence.

C. McCullough has the largest and fullest list of children's shoes ever brought to Grayling.

Remember to go and see the Metropolitan in "Josh Whitcomb," next Monday evening.

Do not fail to attend the Masquerade Party Friday Evening March 23th.

Just received at McCullough's Shoe Emporium, another lot of those Congress Shoes for old ladies.

S. Hatt, Esq., of Pere Cheney, was in town Monday and made us a pleasant call.

For spring suits for Men and Boys, latest style, go to the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

The Roscommon Lumber Company expect to finish operations about July first.

Do you want the best \$9.00 Ladies' Shoe? To be sure you do. McCullough has them.

J. F. Hums' youngest child was quite sick last week, but is reported to be improving.

For a Garland Stove, best in the market, go to the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

J. Maurice Finn returned from his extended visit to Washington city one day last week.

Whedon York, of South Branch, who has the job of filling Farley's ice house has nearly finished. -Ros. News.

For a Western Peninsula stove, the best of its kind in the market, and at low prices, go to the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

Salling, Hanson & Co's. dump cart with horse and two men slipped into the river near the mill last week. The horses were rescued with difficulty.

Railroad business is very brisk on the north end of the Mackinaw division. A switch engine and crew will soon be placed here.

Mrs. Henry Bates, who has been quite sick for some time, went to Tecumseh yesterday on a visit to her parents.

Two deer and the same number of bear are wanted by a party in Indiana. Good prices will be paid for the same. For full particulars call at this office.

Mr. Staley has disposed of his property in Caro, and expects his family here as soon as he can find a suitable residence.

Another Dakota blizzard struck us last Sunday, which prevented those of religious habits from attending church. A few sinners got there just the same.

Salling, Hanson & Co. have just received a stock of church robes of anything ever brought to this market. Purchasers will do well to call and examine them before purchasing elsewhere.

The Lancing School under the management of J. L. Wild, will give a Masquerade Dancing Party on the evening of March 25th, the last night of the term.

W. G. M. Trish has secured the school at Frederic, and is now engaged in learning the young idea how to shoot in that burg.

The Catholics of Grayling are making arrangements to commence work on their church building as soon as the weather will admit.

A bouncing big boy wailing thirteen pounds surprised W. A. Downs, of South Branch last Friday morning. -Roscommon News.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rose made the visit of their daughter the occasion of a pleasant social gathering Tuesday evening at their home.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Plaster, Price 25 cents.

SHILOH'S COUGH AND CONSUMPTION CURE is sold by us on a guarantee. It cures Consumption. For sale by N. H. Traver.

The Chautauque Circle meets every Wednesday evening. The interest continues active. All are invited to be present at the meetings whether they feel able to pursue the studies or not.

"The men of energy and pluck have found this maxim wise - It never pays to run for luck - Unless you advertise."

E. G. Gordon and N. Seder, of Frederic, were in town last Monday and made us a pleasant call. Mr. Seder also furnished us with a new subscriber.

Dr. Weir, of Osceola, who fled to Canada to escape arrest for assaulting a woman, a patient in his hospital, causing her death, will be extradited and returned to that place for trial.

A. A. Griffin, who has been lumbering on the South Branch of the Au Sable, broke camp for the season this week on account of the deep snow. -Roscommon News.

THAT HACKING COUGH can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it.

WILL YOU SUFFER with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. For sale by N. H. Traver.

Rev. J. H. Phelps will preach at the Opera House, next Sabbath, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All are invited to attend.

Do not forget our premium offer. Come in and subscribe. Two papers for the price of one. Tell the good news to your neighbors.

"Man wants but little here below - O wealth! thy bright golden coil! But when he gets the horse and heels - He wants the other half."

B. C. Geel will finish lumbering next week near Grayling. One camp will be through this week and the other will break up next week, when 10,000, 000 feet will be banked. -B. C. Geel.

John W. Custer delivered a lecture in this place, at the M. E. Church last Wednesday evening, favoring the prohibition amendment. He thought our citizens were not as interested as they should have been in the subject.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you.

CATARHUS CURED, health and sweet breath secured, by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 95 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale by N. H. Traver.

The donation party was more of a success financially than we reported. The receipts amounted to over one hundred and twenty dollars with some back townships to hear from. The sinners come down handsomely in Grayling, when inclined.

A man whose name is unknown to us, who was working at Buckley & Douglas' camp near "Bald Hill" was struck by a falling tree on last Tuesday, which paralyzed him entirely. He was brought to town and is under the care of Dr. Woodworth.

Mr. Wesley Shiellenger and Miss Lavina Clifford were married at Tupper's camp last Monday. At this writing we do not know whether their union was blessed by a minister or a Justice of the Peace.

W. W. Metcalf, deputy sheriff, on last Monday, arrested John McCullum, of Frederic, for assault on some small girls, daughters of a Mr. Horton in that neighborhood, while the parents were absent from home.

SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Consumption, loss of Appetite, Laidness and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 25 cents per bottle.

CROUP, WHOOPING COUGH and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by N. H. Traver.

Mr. Campbell, of Frederic, who was arrested at the instigation of parties in Vermont, had a hearing before Judge Tuttle, last Saturday morning, and was discharged, there being no evidence to show that he was guilty of any crime requiring his extradition.

Come walking, come on horseback, come in wagons, come in sleds, come running, come anyway, only you get to our office and arrange for receiving the AMERICAN FARMER, free, in connection with the AVALANCHE, the best paper published in the county.

Notice.
The Interstate Commerce Bill for the regulation of railroad traffic, having become a law, to be operative from April 5th 1887, the Michigan Central Railroad Company hereby gives notice that, in compliance with the law, all special rates and arrangements, differing very from its printed tariffs and classifications, will be void on and after April 1st 1887, and thereafter the printed tariff rates will govern upon all traffic passing over any portion of the lines under its control.

A. MACKAY, Geo. L. Felt, Agt.

Do not forget the Masquerade on the Evening of March 25th, at the Opera House.

The Metropolitan closed their week's engagement in this city last Saturday evening, when a larger house than usual enjoyed the very excellent entertainment which this popular troupe furnished. Under the management of Messrs. Tucker & Brown, the Metropolitan will always play to successful business in Big Rapids. -Big Rapids Pioneer.

Judge Tuttle, of East Tawas was called to Grayling on official business last Friday. In the evening about forty of our citizens gave him a reception and supper at the Grayling House.

It was a very enjoyable affair, as it was attended by members of all the political parties, was a compliment to the Judge, a demonstration that spoke more than words of their appreciation of his services in the past, and indicative of the feeling that he would be supported in the coming contest by all irrespective of camps or factions that may oppose his candidacy.

And now Miss Mary Mantz enters into her pursuits with music on her organ brand new piano, fresh from the factory of Francis Bacon, New York.

This is the oldest piano factory in America, having been started by John Jacob Astor in 1789, and has been running ever since, thus attesting the good honest character of the work done, and the instruments made, so different from the shoddy trashy instruments hawked about small towns by itinerant strangers. This house has made many of the most valuable improvements in pianos, prominently among which is the patent lock tuning pin, thus largely overcoming the expense of tuning three or four times a year.

N. H. Traver had the pleasure of placing this instrument, and represents this and several other first class pianos and organs for this town and vicinity.

Methodist Missions.
A writer on the world's progress says: "In the foremost rank of the powers destined to change the face of the world, stand Christian Missions."

In the foremost rank of their missions is found the M. E. Church. It will soon be said of the world as it was said by an old Indiana pioneer who went deep into the forest to get away from the din of the Gospel: "Tis no use trying to find a spot where one can not be sure that the first man he meets will be a Methodist preacher hunting up a cabin to preach in. I came here six months ago to get shut of them, and yesterday I heard one of them going through the woods singing 'Am I a soldier of the Cross?'"

Just so, the little one is becoming a thousand and the small one a strong nation. Born as a church in the year of our first acknowledged national life, and growing ever faster than our national increase. American Methodism in 1872 began her first mission work. First to the Indians. Our debt to those aboriginal inhabitants of our country is yet unpaid but for the year 1887, we \$3 in their 21 missionaries, support 9 Sunday schools and appropriate for their support \$5,930. Our membership on the purely Indian Mission is 1,599. Besides these many members whose the majority of the church is white.

To the Welsh part of our population a Mission was begun in 1898. This by education and absorption with the general church calls for 1888 only one missionary and \$200. It has 2 Sunday schools and has 123 church members. T. EDWARDS.

Frederic Items.
Geo. Whirl caught a yearling deer alive last week. He chased it down on snow shoes. A day or two afterward Sidney Barker and Will Wallace caught another in the same manner. The two deer are now kept in barns and give indications that their domestication will not be a hard task.

Thos. G. High has sold his residence to P. Valentine and intends removing with his family to Mancelona. He will carry with him the good wishes of many friends.

Mr. John W. Custer gave us a good lecture in favor of the prohibition constitutional amendment last Tuesday. He is a fine speaker and had an appreciative audience that enjoyed it very much. Such men and such speeches will advance the cause that all temperance men hold dear.

Mon. F. A. Baldwin and wife of Gaylord, quietly celebrated the second anniversary of their marriage, at the residence of her parents at this place last Saturday, the 12th inst. One of the guests, a little fellow just old enough to prattle papa and mamma with them at the table, but for obvious reasons was not present at the wedding, though quite welcome now.

Serious charges are prepared against John McCullum, an old resident of this place, by E. J. Horton, who has placed him under arrest. If the charges are proved against him, the lovers of good order will not regret if he shall be compelled to don a striped uniform while serving the state.

Mrs. C. F. Kelley has just returned from a visit among friends in Ingham and Washburn counties.

Vin. G. Marsh, of Grayling, is on his third week of teaching our school. He reports over forty children in attendance. Mar. 15, 87. N. E. D.

On last Saturday morning, a man by the name of Spagnire, of Pere Cheney, while at work in a camp near that place had his leg broken. Dr. Woodworth was sent for and reduced the fracture.

The Famous Metropolitan, G. L. & P. A. HALL, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

The Famous Metropolitan will give three entertainments, commencing MONDAY, MARCH 21st, 1887.

Opening night, "Joshua, Whitcomb" and a roaring farce, "The Smiths and Browns." Admission 25 cts; reserved seats 35 cts; children 15 cts. Reserved seats can be secured at Traver's Drug Store.

Grayling Items
We clip the following from the Grayling correspondence of the Saginaw Courier of the 14th inst.

A donation party for the benefit of Rev. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church, was given Tuesday evening. A large attendance, excellent music, recitations, supper, and a very pleasant time were some of the features. The net result, nearly all cash, was \$120, over twice the receipts of any previous occasion.

Friday evening the representative citizens of Grayling, regardless of party ties, gave an informal reception at the Grayling House to Judge J. B. Tuttle, of the Twenty-third Circuit, in honor of his re-nomination. No liquids, except coffee and water, were furnished, for the Judge is a strong temperance man, but "mine host" Wild served up everything necessary to the comfort of the guests, and speech-making, mingled with jest, was the order of the hour. The judge is very popular in this vicinity.

Ex-postmaster Finn has returned from his lengthy residence at Washington. He promises great things for Grayling. During his absence he had the postoffice transferred to his wife, who will make a very acceptable postmistress.

For Sale.
Two desirable lots in the Village of Grayling, or will exchange for a good yoke of cattle. Enquire of W. BATTERSON, Grayling, Mich.

Look Here!
WHAT is the use of your freezing your death here? This wooded country, when I will deliver wood to any part of the village, or on board cars for 90 cts. per cord.

N. SEDER, Frederic, Mich.

RESTAURANT RESTAURANT!!

I would respectfully inform the citizens of Grayling and vicinity, that I have opened a first-class restaurant next door to James Store, on Michigan Avenue, where I will be pleased to wait on all who may favor me with a call. Warm meals furnished at all hours and with the best market afford.

L. B. CLEMENT, Feb. 17, 87, 1-c.

Teacher's Examination.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Spring Examination of candidates as teachers for the schools of Crawford County will be held at the Court House, in the Village of Grayling, Friday and Saturday, March 25th and 26th, 1887.

Examination begins at 8:30 A. M. Standard examinations will be observed as prevailed at the last most recent examination.

JULIA EBB, Board of F. M. RICHMOND, of G. B. HICKS, Examiners.

Ho, for the Breach!
THE undersigned is now prepared to furnish plans and specifications for buildings of all descriptions, and to build the same on the job, or day. I also have a nice collection of designs for store fronts, corner or otherwise. Also for Banks, Drug and Fancy Stores, and plans for cottages costing from \$300.00 to that of mansions at \$5000.00. Give me a call. The best of security given.

A. J. ROSE, Feb. 17, 87, t. f.

For Sale.
The very desirable property, the G. L. & P. A. Hall, (generally known as the Grayling Opera House). This is the best building in the best town on the M. C. R. R. north of Bay City. It is 70 feet long and 32 feet wide and two full stories high, and contains the best of everything for a desirable building for business purposes.

Apply to R. Hanson, Pres., or N. H. Traver, Sec'y., Grayling, Mich. Jan. 18th '87.

Public Notice.
NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Crawford, at a Special Session of said Board of Supervisors, to be held at the Court House, in Grayling, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1887, at 2 o'clock P. M., to have the township known and described as Township 10 North, Range Four West, (26 N. of 4 W.), detached from the Township of Grayling and attached to the Township of Beaver Creek.

Dated this 9th day of Feb. A. D. 1887.

Signed: Jas. G. Marsh, T. H. Heath, W. Patterson, A. Slaght, Elmer E. Osterander, E. Alger, D. W. Mills, G. W. Walton, Michael Conway, E. E. Parker, Perry Osterander, S. A. McIntyre and Robert W. Ford, P. E. Grege, T. C. Henson, John Hanna, S. E. Paulson, T. F. Hastings, Wm. H. Hanson, A. P. Hanna, T. H. Quinn, M. E. Ingemann, Elias Decker, Alex. Odell, M. M. Packard, Frances Smith, Henry H. Smith and George F. Gilson of Beaver Creek Township.

Feb. 24th, w. t.

Horses and Cows for Sale.

I WILL sell my team of two horses, harness and wagon, also four cows. For terms, etc., call on the subscriber, W. H. JAMES.

Wagon for Sale.

FOR SALE, a Jackson Wagon, complete and nearly new. Will be sold cheap. Inquire of Main J. Connie, Grayling Michigan.

Notice.
All ex-prisoners of war that may see this notice are requested to send their full address to the Commander of Marvin Post No. 249, G. A. R. Department of Michigan at once, for use in the Pension Office. By request of JOHN C. BLACK, Com. of Pensions.

Public Notice.
Refuse's addition to Grayling is now represented by J. S. Harder, who will be pleased to show the premises and make satisfactory prices to parties desiring to purchase. Aug. 5, 6m., pd.

Harness! Harness!!
I AM prepared to take orders for harness of every description, which will be furnished on short notice and at low rates. Sample harness can be seen at the AVALANCHE Office. All work warranted. A. C. WILCOX, Nov. 18, t. f.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

The Niagara Falls Route.

MACKINAW DIVISION.

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JAMES SMITH, Gen'l Traffic Mgr., ST. LOUIS, MO.

H. D. ARMSTRONG, Mich. Pass. Agt., Wabash Route, Jackson, Mich.

Notice for Publication.
LAND OFFICE, REED CITY, MICH. MAR. 10th, 1887.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kalamazoo County, at Kalamazoo, Mich., on April 22nd 1887, viz: John F. Clark, Homestead app. No. 2439, for the E. 1/4 of S. 1/4 & S. 1/4 of N. 1/4 Sec. 32 T. 36, N. 15 West.

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